

March 20, 2015

The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
437 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are writing to support the confirmation of Sally Yates to become Deputy Attorney General. We have served in senior positions in the Department of Justice in Republican and Democratic administrations. We know the demands of the position and we know Sally Yates. Ms. Yates is highly qualified to serve as Deputy Attorney General. For the last five years, prior to her appointment as Acting Deputy, Ms. Yates was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Atlanta, a large and busy office. She has had experience in the private sector, working at one of the finest firms in Georgia. She spent the bulk of her career – twenty-five years – as a prosecutor in the U. S. Attorney's Office, rising from a line attorney to First Assistant. She supervised all of the Office's white collar criminal cases, tried a wide variety of cases herself and handled many cases of note, including the prosecution of Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph.

Ms. Yates has demonstrated the legal acumen and the management skills that are required of a Deputy. She knows the Department well and has the respect of her peers both in the Department and out. She is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the highest honors in the trial bar.

We are confident that Ms. Yates would serve the Department and the nation well if the Senate were to confirm her.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, 2005-2008

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United States District Judge, 2004-2008

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